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THROUGH OPEN MMICROPHONE CONDITIONS. THE TARGET THEN TOOD UP A NORTHERLY
HEADING TO A LAST NOTED POSITION APPROXIMATELY 15NM WEST OF PHUC KHAC. JUST
PRIOR TO THE MISSILE LAUNCH, AN UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER ASKED IF THE AAA WAS
FIRING PROPERLY. IN A POST LAUNCH REPORT, AN UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER REPORTED THE
RANGE AT LAUNCH AS 14.5 NMS. FOLLOWING THIS AN UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER STATED
"AFTER FIRING IT INCREASED ALTITUDE... DID NOT STRIKE... THE AAA WAS FAR". NO
FURTHER RESULTS OF THE LAUNCH WERE REPORTED. POSSIBLY CORRELATING TO THE ABOVE
ACTIVITY WAS OPERATIONAL REPORTS REFLECTING THE SIGHTING OF A MISSILE BY A
NAVYA4E AIRCRAFT SHORTLY BEFORE 0159Z IN THE NCINITY OF 2000N 10605E. THE PILOT
REPORTED SIGHTING THE MISSILE ON A HEADING OF 090 DEGREES AT HIS THREE O'CLOCK
POSITION. U.S. PILOTS OBSERVED A TOTAL OF 21 SURFACE TO AIR MISSILES ON THIS
DATE. HOWEVER, NO U.S. AIRCRAFT WERE REPORTED LOST TO SAMs. 900 NNNH

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